

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

16. (New) A golf car comprising:

a frame supported by a plurality of wheels;

a brake pedal having an arm portion and a pedal portion, said pedal portion being disposed on a first end of said arm portion, said brake pedal being pivotally coupled to said frame at a second end of said arm portion for movement through an operating stroke, said second end of said arm portion being elevated relative to said pedal portion;

a brake system receiving input from said brake pedal member and generating an output to control a braking device; and

a locking mechanism for providing a locked position for said brake pedal, said locking mechanism providing a single audible indication to an operator that said brake pedal had been depressed sufficiently to be latched in said locked position, said locking mechanism operable to unlatch upon advancement of said brake pedal beyond said locked position.

17. (New) The golf car according to Claim 16 wherein said brake system comprises:

a brake rotor attached to at least one of said plurality of wheels;

a first caliper assembly having brake pads which contact said brake rotor in response to said output of said brake system to cause friction, said friction retarding movement of said brake rotor and associated wheel.

18. (New) The golf car according to Claim 16 wherein said brake system comprises:

a brake drum attached to at least one of said plurality of wheels;

a first shoe assembly having brake shoes which contact said brake drum in response to said output of said brake system to cause friction, said friction retarding movement of said brake drum and associated wheel.

19. (New) A golf car comprising:

a frame supported on a plurality of wheels;

a bracket member fixedly coupled to said frame; and

a pedal member having an arm portion and a pedal portion, said pedal portion being disposed on a first end of said arm portion, said pedal member being pivotally coupled to said bracket member at a second end of said arm portion such that said second end of said arm portion is elevated relative to said pedal portion;

a brake system receiving input from said pedal member and generating an output to control a braking device; and

a locking mechanism for providing a locked position for said brake pedal, said locking mechanism providing a single audible indication to an operator that said brake pedal had been depressed sufficiently to be latched in said locked position, said locking mechanism operable to unlatch upon advancement of said brake pedal beyond said locked position.

20. (New) The golf car according to Claim 19 wherein said brake system comprises:

a hydraulically actuated braking system operably coupled to at least one of said plurality of wheels, said braking system operable to exert a frictional force on said one of said plurality of wheels; and

a master brake cylinder fluidly coupled to said braking system for outputting a hydraulic fluid pressure in response to actuation of said brake pedal, said master brake cylinder being generally positioned above said brake pedal and said braking system.

21. (New) The golf car according to Claim 20 wherein said brake system comprises:

a brake rotor attached to at least one of said plurality of wheels;

a first caliper assembly having brake pads which contact said brake rotor in response to said output of said brake system to cause friction, said friction retarding movement of said brake rotor and associated wheel.

22. (New) The golf car according to Claim 20 wherein said brake system comprises:

a brake drum attached to at least one of said plurality of wheels;

a first shoe assembly having brake shoes which contact said brake drum in response to said output of said brake system to cause friction, said friction retarding movement of said brake drum and associated wheel.

23. (New) The golf car according to Claim 20 wherein said brake system comprises:

an accumulator fluidly coupled to said master brake cylinder, said accumulator storing energy for maintaining a braking force in a parking mode.

24. (New) The golf car according to Claim 20 wherein said pedal member is an accelerator pedal assembly for actuating a drive system.